

cent (2¢) gasoline tax required to be paid pursuant to the provisions of Section 131 of Article 89B of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as shall be necessary to pay the principal and interest of such refunding bonds as the same shall fall due, and to provide for the creation and maintenance of a reserve fund of not less than \$345,000, such reserve fund to be kept separate from other funds of the State and to be used for the payment of such principal and interest in the event that funds otherwise provided for herein shall prove unavailable or insufficient. Such annual tax as derived from the above mentioned license fees and franchise taxes shall amount to not less than \$600,000 per year, and as derived from the above mentioned part of the gasoline tax shall amount to not less than \$250,000 per year, and such annual taxes shall not be repealed, diminished or applied to any other object until the principal and interest of such refunding bonds shall be fully paid or provisions made for their payment. After the principal and interest of such refunding bonds becoming due each year shall have been paid and the reserve fund of \$345,000 maintained, the remaining revenue produced from the said taxes each year shall be expended by the Commission as otherwise provided for by law. If such reserve fund is invested, it shall be invested only in obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State of Maryland are pledged, or in bonds issued by the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

1937, ch. 355, sec. 128.

146. Should any section, or part of a section of this sub-title be held to be invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining section or part of a section of this sub-title, it being the legislative intent that the remainder of this sub-title shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of such section or part of a section.

1937, ch. 355, sec. 129.

147. The State Roads Commission of Maryland shall have no power to pledge to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such refunding bonds any tolls which may be charged and collected for the use of any bridge or bridges now erected or to be erected on the State roads system or on any main route or road in the State of Maryland or over any body of water forming a boundary line of the State, and the tolls charged and collected for the use of any such bridge shall not be pledged or applied to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such refunding bonds.

Secs. 123-147 held valid in *Wyatt v. State Roads Comm.*, 175 Md. 258.

Convict Labor.

1937, ch. 505. 1939, ch. 566.

148. (Convict Labor.) The State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to expend a sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) a year for the fiscal years of 1940 and 1941, from the Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund to be used for the purpose of employing, on reconstruction and maintenance of State and county roads, prisoners in the penal institutions of the State which institutions are under the control and direction of the Board of Correction; and the said Board of Correction is directed to furnish the said Commission, for the above purposes, such prisoners as in its judgment may be safely utilized for such work, the